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SUBJECT: COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE: KOREAN ISSUE

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1. POLCOUNS CALLED MARCH 2 ON ROK EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY HEUNG SOO KIM TO DISCUSS KOREAN ISSUE ON AGENDA OF COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE, AND PERU'S ATTITUDE. POLCOUNS NOTED THAT PERU HAD PROPOSED INCLUSION OF KOREAN QUESTION ON NAC AGENDA DURING FEBRUARY 10 CCNAC MEETING IN NEW YORK. HE ALSO RECALLED (AND KIM AGREED) THAT PERU AS HOST AND CHAIRMAN OF LAST YEAR'S LIMA NAC HAD TRIED TO PLAY A MODERATING, EVEN-HANDED ROLE ON NORTH AND SOUTH KOREAN APPLICATIONS FOR NAC MEMBERSHIP.

2. KIM SAID PERUVIAN FONOFF HAD TOLD HIS EMBASSY THAT IT HAD PROPOSED KOREAN QUESTION AS A SUB-ITEM UNDER AGENDA ITEM, ON REVIEW OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, AS A PLOY TO AVOID A SEPARATE AGENDA ITEM, AS ALGERIA WAS PROPOSING ON BEHALF OF DPRK. KIM SAID HIS EMBASSY'S ANALYSIS LED IT TO ACCEPT THE PERUVIAN EXPLANATION.

3. KIM SAID HE HAD NO WORD WHETHER COLOMBO DISCUSSION OF KOREA
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WOULD FOLLOW LINES OF UNGA DEBATE LAST FALL ON "FRIENDLY/NON-FRIENDLY" RESOLUTIONS.

4. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE GOP WOULD HAVE PREFERRED NOT TO HAVE KOREA ITEM ON COLOMBO AGENDA SINCE PERU TRIES TO AVOID TAKING SIDES ON KOREAN QUESTIONS. PERU MAY TRY BEHIND THE SCENES BEFORE AND AT COLOMBO TO DE-FUSE KOREAN ISSUE, BUT IT WILL NOT WANT TO BE IDENTIFIED WITH EITHER SIDE. IN UP-COMING DISCUSSIONS WITH FONOFF ON MULTILATERAL QUESTIONS WE WILL TRY TO GAIN A BETTER SENSE OF HOW PERU WILL APPROACH THE KOREAN QUESTION AT COLOMBO, AND WILL REPORT AS APPROPRIATE.
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